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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Work Session Item II, November 29, 2007
Water Resources Commission Meeting

OWSCI – Regional and Community-Based Water Supply Planning

I. Issue Statement

The Department has developed draft criteria for awarding funds for regional and community-based water supply planning under the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative (OWSCI). This report provides an overview of those criteria and the timelines for announcing this funding opportunity.

II. Discussion

The 2007 OWSCI budget package includes \$200,000 to assist regions and communities that are working to address their long-term water supply needs. The Department has identified two priority areas for funding. These include 1) efforts to identify and prioritize regional water supply solutions and 2) to respond to special program needs. The Department is proposing to award funding up to \$20,000 for each project. This level of funding is designed to help ensure that a wide array of projects over a diverse geographic area can be supported. Funding recipients will be required to demonstrate a 25% cost share toward the total project cost.

Overall criteria for awarding funds will include:

- 1) Diversity of stakeholder and citizen involvement;
- 2) Planning efforts designed to address regional supply issues;
- 3) Water supply planning efforts that concurrently address water quality and land use planning efforts will be given priority;
- 4) Planning efforts that include local government representation will be given priority

Based on input from the Commission, the Department will finalize project criteria. The goal is to post the request for proposals by January 15, 2008. Project applications will be due by March 15, 2008 with award of dollars by the April 15, 2008. Funding recipients will be required to provide a progress report and final report to the Department on an appropriate timeline.

III. Summary

This is an informational report. The Department will appreciate Commission feedback on these draft criteria for incorporation into the request for proposals. The Department will also provide regular progress reports to the Commission.

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